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For: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR CONTINUOUS  
POLYCONDENSATION

Art Unit: 1764

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Sir:

Petitioner, Hitachi, Ltd., having its place of business at 6, Kanda Surugadai 4-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100, Japan, represents that it is the sole owner of the entire interest of U.S. Application No. 09/511,158, filed February 23, 2000, for PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR CONTINUOUS POLYCONDENSATION, and that the Assignment of all rights in connection therewith has been recorded at Reel 9887, Frame 0460.

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No. 6,096,838, issued August 1, 2000; and Petitioner hereby agrees that any patent issued on the above-identified application shall be enforceable only for and during such time as U.S. Patent No. 6,096,838 and the above-identified application are commonly owned.

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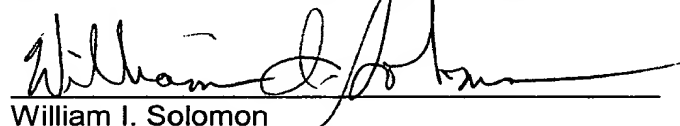
The undersigned is an attorney of record in this application and is empowered to act on behalf of Hitachi, Ltd. for execution and submission of Terminal Disclaimers, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.321(b) and (c), effective January 4, 1994.

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